GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1792
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SAMPLES OF RICE PULSES AND OTHER GROCERY ITEMS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rice, pulses and other grocery items are supplied to the branches of the Kendriya Bhandar after the samples have been drawn from their lots and are pass the laboratory tests;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of samples lifted during the last one year and number out of them failed in the laboratory tests;

(d) whether some complaints have been received by MOS(PP) from theMinister of Consumer Affairs and some MLA from Delhi about the deep rooted malpractices and corruption going on the sale and purchase of pulses etc. by Kendriya Bhandar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Rice, pulses and grocery items, sold through Kendriya Bhandar are tested in the Lab in order to ascertain the suitability for human consumption.

(c): During, April, 2000 to March, 2001,1968 samples were lifted for testing and out of these 348 samples failed in the laboratory test. Also from, April 2001 to October, 2001, 1009 samples were lifted and 126 failed in the Lab test.

(d)&(e): A complaint was received from one MLA of UT of Delhi, which was investigated. No malpractice/corruption in purchase and sale of pulses was noticed.